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Thank you for your letter of April 6th, enclosing the military records of [redacted] I shall ask our Personnel Director to study his records carefully and consider the advisability of asking for his release from Army G-2 for assignment to the Central Intelligence Agency. In fairness, however, I think I should caution that the chances of this are extremely slight, as it is contrary to normal policy and would probably not receive favorable consideration from the Army.

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The number of active military personnel which we may have on duty with the Central Intelligence Agency at any one time is limited, and these positions are usually filled by older officers whose background and experiences particularly qualify them for work on the national intelligence level. By agreement with military authorities we do not request any officer by name other than in very exceptional circumstances.

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[redacted] records indicate that he has unusual qualifications for intelligence work, but they are qualifications which appear to be more in line with the present requirements of G-2 than of CIA. We do have need from time to time for individuals with his political intelligence background as well as his linguistic abilities, but our requirements must be met, whenever possible, without calling on the services for officers who are fit for active military service.

I'll let you know more on this when I receive the recommendations from our Personnel Director. Meanwhile, I hope that when you are in Washington you will find time to come by for a visit.

Sincerely,

SIGNED



Assistant to the Director

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